

24 July 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: State's Staff Study of 1 May 1950, transmitted by Mr. Webb's letter of 7 July 1950

1. The 24 July drafts of a letter to Mr. Webb, transmitting a draft of a new NSCID 1 represent the opinion of the majority. Naturally, we think the COMSEC drafts are better, else we would not have written them. However, I'm willing to go along with them, but am not pleased with the two following points in the proposed NSCID 1:

a. In Section II, 2, the delegation in advance of authority to the DCI by the members of the NSC, and

b. In the last paragraph of the directive, the DCI establishing first priority for his requests in the other departments and agencies.

I think both of these points are too unrealistic.

2. I also think that if Mr. Webb proposes his paper as a National Security Council Directive, that our proposal should go in the same way rather than as a substitute for the existing National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 1.

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cc: Acting Executive  
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Addition to Paragraph 2 of 13 July Draft letter to Mr. Webb

I note in the staff study about the "Composition" of the new "Intelligence Advisory Committee" (page 2 of your proposed National Security Council Directive) that it is not stated whether the new Committee is composed of the Intelligence Chiefs themselves of the existing intelligence agencies (the same as the present Intelligence Advisory Committee) or of their "full-time representatives" "at I.A.C. Headquarters." Nothing is said about this new Committee being under the Chairmanship of the Director of Central Intelligence or his representative, and no other name is given to the full-time representatives at "I.A.C. Headquarters."

Elsewhere there are indications that the D.C.I. is expected to be a type of Production Manager for the new Committee and that he, as well as the other members of the new Committee, may dissent from an Estimate prepared by the new Committee's National Estimates Staff.

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